supplied to Government hospitals in Pondicherry;

(b) if so, how many cases of adulteration, sub-standard medicines have been detected for the past three years in the Union Territory of Pondicherry from the pharmaceutical industries and chemists; and

(c) if so, how many cases have been filed and how many of them ended in conviction?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) to (c) The information is being collected from the Commissioner, Food and Drugs Administration, Pondicherry and will be laid on the table of the Sabha.

Seniority list of ticket checking staff in the North Eastern Railway

1114. SHRI LAXMI NARAIN: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that in the North Eastern Railway, a combined seniority list of the ticket checking staff (mobile and stationary staff) used to be prepared upto 1982;

(b) whether it is a fact that from the year 1983 separate seniority lists of mobile and stationary staff are maintained and as a result thereof a large number of senior persons who were on the verge of promotion to the next higher grade, have been adversely affected;

(c) whether Government propose to direct the North Eastern Railway to revert to the *status quo ante* as per established practice prevalent in other Railway zones; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) The avenue chart of promotion (AVC) for Ticket Checking Staff in vogue on North Eastern Railway from 1972, as amended in 1974, envisaged separate cadres of Ticket Collectors and Travelling Ticket Examiners upto the grade of Rs. 425—640 (Rs). Promotions to grades Rs. 550—750 (RS) and RS. 700—900 (RS) were made on the basis of combined seniority of employees in both the streams.

(b) to (d) The avenue chart for Ticket Checking Staff was revised by North Eastern Railway with effect from 1-12-1984 in consultation with their recognised Unions in terms of which there will be a combined cadre at all levels but persons who have already been promoted to higher grades on the basis of their options in terms of earlier avenue chart will be allowed to progress in their respective lines upto grade Rs. 700—900. The question whether the revised avenue chart has adversely affected the chances of a large number of employees who were on the verge of promotion on the basis of combined seniority is under examination.

Wagon repair unit in Shoranur in Kerala

1115. SHRI C. HARIDAS: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering any proposal to instal a wagon repair unit in Shoranur in Kerala; and

(b) if so, what are the steps Government propose to take to utilise the huge area of land now lying idle due to the closure of the loco shed in Shoranur?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Consequent on closure of the Steam Loco Shed at Shoranur due